

to review intramural and extramural research programs coordinated by the USDA. Testimony was heard from Catherine Woteki, Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations; Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Nobel Laureates. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Nobel Laureates Biomedical Research panel: Daniel Nathans, Johns Hopkins University; E. Donnall Thomas, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, Washington; and Eric Wieschaus, Princeton University.

EFFECTS OF MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on the Effects of a Minimum Wage Increase. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ANTITRUST PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 2674, Intellectual Property Antitrust Protection Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Joel I. Klein, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

YEAR 2000 SOFTWARE PROBLEM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Solving the Year 2000 Software Problem: Creating Blueprints for Success. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Dean Mesterharm, Deputy Commissioner, Systems; and Kathleen M. Adams, Assistant Commissioner, Office Systems, Design and Development; Robert Hebner, Acting Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3448, Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996.

tive collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries. Signed May 13, 1996. (P.L. 104-142)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine how the Commodity Futures Trading Commission oversees markets in times of volatile prices and tight supplies, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, closed briefing on F-22, F-18 and Joint Strike Fighter Programs, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Executive Office of the President and the Office of Personnel Management, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to update United States policy towards Nigeria, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Russian organized crime in the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine issues relative to combatting violence against women, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to resume hearings on proposals to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, and to reform the financing of Federal elections and Senate campaigns, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, to continue hearings to

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D435)

H.R. 2024, to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effec-